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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 32nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 10th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

Ukraine
Philippines

Australia
Zambia
Malaysia
Guinea
International Committee of the Red Cross
Burkina Faso

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 10th meeting — Conference Room 4

Effects of atomic radiation [82] (A/C.4/55/46, A/C.4/55/L.6; UNSCEAR 2000 Report to the General Assembly (Sources and Effects of Ionizing Radiation (Volumes I and II))

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

4 p.m.-6 p.m. — 11th meeting — Conference Room 2

Operational activities for development [96] (A/55/271)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 16th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [107] (A/55/3, A/55/38, A/55/271, A/55/293, A/55/308, A/55/322, A/55/385, A/55/399, A/55/138-S/2000/693, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/C.3/55/3 and A/C.3/55/4)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108] (A/55/341, A/55/74, A/55/162-S/2000/715 and A/C.3/55/4)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 17th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.7**

2. International drug control [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.10

3. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [103]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.2

4. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.6

5. Advancement of women [107] (A/55/3, A/55/38, A/55/271, A/55/293, A/55/308, A/55/322, A/55/385, A/55/399, A/55/138-S/2000/693, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/C.3/55/3 and A/C.3/55/4)

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108] (A/55/341, A/55/74, A/55/162-S/2000/715 and A/C.3/55/4)

Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 153 (b) (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations : Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 4th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session [158] (A/55/17)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 10

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on UNTAET

2. Results-based budgeting

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | 253rd meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 10 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the draft resolution can be obtained in Room DC2-0458 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 10 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

The status of the reform of the international financial architecture will be the subject of a panel of experts and an open discussion, hosted by the Second Committee, in support of the General Assembly deliberations on macroeconomic policy questions: financing of development, including the net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (agenda item 92 (e)), *today*, 10 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will be the moderator. The panellists will be Mr. Rumman Faruqi, Director, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat; Ms. Barbara Samuels II, Project Director of the Council on Foreign Relations' Roundtable on Country Risk in the Post Asia-Crisis Era; Ms. Sylvia Saborío, Co-Chair of Overseas Development Council Task Force on "The Future Role of the IMF in Development"; and Mr. Arjun Sengupta, Independent Expert on the Right to Development, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" *today*, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal (informal) consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Grant Robertson (New Zealand), on item 8 (Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in economic and social fields) will take place *today*, 10 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and, if necessary, on Wednesday, 11 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 10 October 2000

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on INSTRAW)

1.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting on the United Nations standardized instrument for reporting military expenditures, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, *today*, 10 October 2000, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A. For further information, please contact Mr. Nazir Kamal (tel.: (212) 963-6195).

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There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the First Committee draft decision on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, *today*, 10 October 2000, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (g) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction), *today*, 10 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Panel discussion

The International Labour Organization (ILO) will host a discussion on "Gender, Poverty and Employment: An ILO Perspective" *today*, 10 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. The discussants will be Ms. Youyoun Zhang, Director, Bureau for Gender Equality, and Ms. Amelita King-Dejardin, Employment Specialist, Informal Sector Unit, Skills Development Department, ILO, Geneva. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cindy Berman (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held *today*, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held in Conference Room 8 on Wednesday, 11 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., and on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Copies of the draft resolution can be obtained in Room DC2-0458 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

The 12th and 13th meetings of the Second Committee will be held on Thursday, 12 October 2000, at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Cities Without Slums" (agenda item 94 (e)), co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (agenda item 94 (e)), the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Bank, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will be the moderator. The participants will include H.E. Mr. Sergio Vento, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations; Mayor Hector Silva of San Salvador (El Salvador); Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); and Ms. Frannie Leautier, Director, Infrastructure Division, World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

Informal consultations on all outstanding issues for the resumed substantive session of the Council, to be held on 18 October 2000, will take place under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the JUSCANZ Group on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 9.55 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be meetings of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-aligned Movement on Wednesday, 11 October, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B, and on Thursday, 12 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (Second Committee environmental core group members) on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (f) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction), organized by the delegations of Mozambique, Nicaragua and Norway, on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (r) (Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*), organized by the delegation of Malaysia, on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda items 66 (Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States) and 67 (Maintenance of international security), on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, fom 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, to be submitted under agenda item 73 (General and complete disarmament), organized by the delegation of Canada, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 11 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Her Majesty Queen Sylvia of Sweden, who will present the work of the the World Childhood Foundation. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefings

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Informal meeting of the Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention

The informal meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (Biological Weapons Convention) will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention have been invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 9 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 9th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued the general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Ecuador, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Qatar, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria and Jamaica.

SECOND COMMITTEE 10th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [92]

(d) Science and technology for development

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item.

The representative of Bolivia made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 92 (d).

Operational activities for development [96]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Deputy-Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, Cyprus and Turkey), Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Norway, Cuba, Guatemala, Belarus, Mozambique, Japan and Venezuela.

The observer for Switzerland made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 92 (d) and 92 (e) was Tuesday, 10 October, at 1 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.6

The representative of Spain, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bangladesh, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jamaica, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Viet Nam, introduced the draft resolution. Subsequently, Colombia, Croatia and Romania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [107]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Norway, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, the Russian Federation, Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Argentina, the Netherlands, Egypt, the United States, New Zealand, the United Arab Emirates, Fiji, Mexico, China, Sudan, India, San Marino, Afghanistan, the Syrian Arab Republic and El Salvador, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

15th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of agenda items 107 and 108 and heard statements by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, Brazil, Nepal, Algeria, Viet Nam, Ukraine, Andorra, Morocco, Indonesia, Pakistan and Iraq.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairperson informed the Committee that on Tuesday afternoon, 10 October, the Committee would hear the introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.7* under item 105 and A/C.3/55/L.10 under item 106, and take action on A/C.3/55/L.2 under item 103 and A/C.3/55/L.6 under item 104.

On Wednesday afternoon, 11 October, the Committee would hear the introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.9 under item 105.

On Thursday afternoon, 12 October, the Committee would take action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.3, L.4, L.5, L.7* and L.9 under item 105, and A/C.3/55/L.10 under item 106.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session [158]

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law introduced the report on the work of its thirty-third session.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the Russian Federation, Austria, Singapore, Germany, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), India, China, Cuba, Indonesia, Ukraine, Japan and Guatemala.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee also spoke.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: Yemen (2 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Acceptance: Croatia (6 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Film screening

Two special screenings of the edited 40-minute version of the documentary film "A Force More Powerful: A Century of Nonviolent Conflict" will take place *today*, 10 October 2000, at 1 p.m. and at 6:15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The Secretary-General will attend the 1 p.m. screening, which will be followed by a brief discussion featuring three panellists. Mr. Steve York, producer and writer, and Mr. Peter Ackerman, Series Editor, will introduce the film. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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World Mental Health Day

In commemoration of World Mental Health Day 2000, the NGO Committee on Mental Health, New York, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), will hold a panel discussion on "Emerging Issues in Mental Health and Work" on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The honorary guest will be Mr. Neal L. Cohen, MD, Commissioner, New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services. Welcoming remarks will be given by Mr. Gareth Howell, Deputy Director, ILO, and Ms. Nancy Wallace, Chairperson, NGO Committee on Mental Health. Members of Permanent Missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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